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Petition of Philadelphia Gas Works for Approval of Demand-Side Management Plan for FY 2016-2020, and Philadelphia Gas Works Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan for 2014-2016, 52 Pa.Code § 62.4 – Request for Waivers

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STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN ANDREW G. PLACE

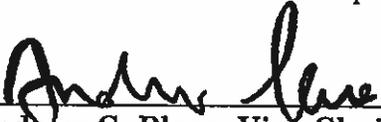
Before us is the Petition of Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW or Company) for Approval of its Demand-Side Management (DSM) Plan for FY 2016-2020 and Philadelphia Gas Works Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan for 2014-2016, 52 Pa.Code § 62.4 – Request for Waivers. This Petition serves as a request to institute Phase II of PGW's initial five-year DSM plan.

As part of OSBA Witness Knecht's direct testimony, OSBA expressed concern regarding the efficiency of PGW's Customer Responsibility Program (CRP) in that CRP consumption is much higher than non-CRP consumption. Mr. Knecht testified that it is his belief that "the effectiveness of the Company's conservation efforts for low-income customers could be substantially improved by restructuring the CRP to include a serious and credible price signal for all program participants."

OSBA submits that modifying PGW's Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan (USECP) is not part of this proceeding, and I agree. Any change in such a price signal proposal would likely require restructuring PGW's CRP Program, which should more appropriately be addressed within the context of PGW's next USECP proceeding.

An important component of helping low-income customers reduce their energy bills entails both an effective CRP rate design and LIURP program design. I strongly encourage PGW and consumer advocates to engage in these issues regarding why CRP consumption is higher in the next USECP. Moreover, I believe a more comprehensive look at all USECP programs in Pennsylvania is warranted to address this important issue.

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Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman